(c) and (d) Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB)'s recommendations are available in respect of 33 vacant Board levelposts. The appointment to Board level posts are made by the concerned administrative Ministries/Departments on the basis of recommendations of PESB after completing formalities in this regard such as obtaining vigilance clearance and approval of competent authority, etc.

Supply of gas from D6 block, KG basin

3794. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the production from D6 block, KG basin of a private contractor is going to start;

(b) whether the company proposes to supply the full production to Government;

(c) whether the company has made any other commitment to some other parties; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) In the KG basin D6 block, operated by Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL), Natural Gas production is likely to commence by 3rd quarter of 2008.

(b) As per the provisions of the Production Sharing Contract, the Contractor has the freedom to sell the gas in the domestic market on arms length basis. Government has option to take its share of profit petroleum in kind or cash. The Government has opted to take its share of profit petroleum in cash for the year 2008-09.

(c) and (d) At this stage, RIL has signed term sheets for supply of gas with GAIL and with power and fertilizer sector companies, namely Torrent Power, Tata Power, Konaseema Power, Nagarjuna Fertilizers, GVK Power, IFFCO, Chambal Fertilizers and Kribhco. The matter of sale of gas to NTPC and RNRL, is presently *sub judice*.

LPG connections in Jharkhand

3795. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG connections the oil companies released for the last three years, year-wise, State-wise and company-wise specially with reference to Jharkhand; and

(b) how many are still waitlisted for LPG connections, State-wise and company-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) As on 1.04.2008, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have provided 1009.9 lakh LPG connections in the country, including 11.3 lakh LPG connections in the State of Jharkhand.

OMCs have reported that they have released 58423, 103544 and 103321 new LPG connections in the State of Jharkhand during the years 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 respectively.

The State-wise and company-wise details are available with the Directors (Marketing) of the concerned OMCs.

The enrolment of new LPG customers and release of new LPG connections is a continuous process OMCs have reported that at present, new LPG connections are available across the counter for genuine domestic customers.